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WOMAN CHARGED IN BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, KAN. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that **ROXANNE LOUISE FINLEY**, 36, Kansas City, Mo., has been charged by a criminal complaint with one count of **bank robbery**.

Powell was arrested Nov. 18 and made her first appearance before U.S. District Court Magistrate James P. O'Hara in Kansas City, Kan.

A complaint filed with the court alleged that on Nov. 3, 2004 Finley robbed the World Savings Bank, 12000 West 95th Street, Lenexa, Kan. of approximately \$748. According to the complaint Finley entered the bank about 9:30 a.m. wearing blue jeans, black sunglasses, bright red lipstick and a hood pulled up over her head. Keeping her left hand in her pocket, she placed a folded, green paper gift bag on the counter and told the clerk, "Put your money in the bag; speed it up and no one will get hurt." She was seen leaving the bank in a gold Toyota Camry driven by another person.

Officers traced the car to a resident of Bentley Place Apartments, 11210 W. 96th Street, Lenexa, and talked to the owner, who denied any involvement in the robbery. Interviews with cooperating witnesses and people who knew Finley revealed that Finley had told more than one person that she had robbed the bank, the complaint says.

If convicted, Finley faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Lenexa, Kan. Police Department.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The charges filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.